

REMARKS

The above-noted cancellation of claims 28 and 34, and amendment of claims 1-27, 29-33 and 35-59, are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The amendments to the claims are respectfully submitted in order to conform the claims to U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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